

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1271 – SB 1270**

March 28, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Changes from on or before July 1 every year, to on or before February 1 every year, the deadline for the Board for Licensing Healthcare Facilities and the Emergency Medical Services Board, in collaboration with the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Care, to submit a report on the current status of emergency medical services for children and on continuing efforts to improve such services, to the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and Health and to the Health Committee of the House of Representatives.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006391):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Defines “community paramedic,” “community paramedicine,” and “mobile integrated health care”. Adds to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board the power, responsibility, and duty to establish standards for a community paramedic through promulgation of rules pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the EMS Board can establish standards for a community paramedic through promulgation of rules during regularly-scheduled Board meetings within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities and the EMS Board are required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Boards. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*.

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- Any change in expenditures of the Boards is estimated to be not significant.
- The Board of Licensing Health Care Facilities had a net surplus of \$401,492 in FY14-15 and a deficit of \$388,117 in FY15-16.
- The EMS Board had a net surplus of \$48,178 in FY14-15 and a deficit of \$75,077 in FY15-16.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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